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Sen. Jelinek returns more than \$113,000 in office funds to state

LANSING – Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks, today announced he has returned to the state more than \$113,000 in unused funds from his office and staff allotment since being elected to the Michigan Senate in 2003.

Jelinek was first elected to the State House in 1996 and to the Senate in 2002. His goal at the time was to be available to assist constituents with problems they have and to communicate with the district on issues under consideration by the Legislature.

“I believe that I have accomplished that during the years I have been in office,” he said.

Jelinek indicated that he has returned more than \$150,000 to the state since his House term. Each legislator is provided with an office and staff budget each fiscal year. It covers the cost of salaries, printing, mailings, postage and other items.

“Legislators manage your money when making budget decisions each year and each legislator must be just as accountable when managing their own office budget as well,” Jelinek said. “I feel that I have accomplished that without sacrificing quality service to my constituents.”

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